

*Home Going Celebration  
For  
Deacon Calvin Stuard, Jr.*

*Sunrise: April 10, 1921*

*Sunset: December 8, 2000*



*Celebration Service:  
Saturday, December 16, 2000  
11:00 a.m.*

*One Lord One Faith One Baptism  
State Overseer William T. Ervin, Sr., Pastor  
700 East 70th Street  
North Long Beach, California*

*Elder Donald Butler  
Officiant*



## Order of Service

*Celebration of Life - Calvin Stuard, Jr.*

*Saturday, December 16, 2000*

*11:00 a.m.*

*Processional.....Pastors, Ministers & Family*  
*Invocation.....Rev. Osborne Brown*  
*Scripture Reading.....(Old & New Testament).....Elder John Alford*  
*Song.....(A & B Selections).....Voices of Praise*  
*Acknowledgements.....Sis. Diane Pitchford*  
*Song.....(Need A Resting Place).....Gospel Warriorettes*  
*Obituary.....Sis. Mary E. Pitchford*  
*Remarks.....(2 Minutes Please).....Pastor James Brown*  
*Dr. Conndey, Supt. Clarence Brown, Veterans of Foreign Wars-Post 5394*  
*Service Commander Larry Venetreff*  
*Song.....LA Gospel Airs*  
*Song.....Sis. Diane Pitchford*  
*Reflections.....Deacon Esserar Carton*  
*Song.....Sis. Lacey*  
*Eulogy.....Pastor Donald Butler*  
*Praise Center of East Compton COGIC*  
*Parting Farewell.....Steel/Pitchford Funeral Home Staff*  
*Selections.....Voices of Praise*

### *Interment:*

*Riverside National Cemetery  
Riverside, California*

### *Repast:*

*1211 East Peck Street  
Compton, California*





**Active Pallbearers**

*Clifford Leonard*

*Willie Pitchford, Jr.*

*Anthony C. Leonard*

*Jerry Pitchford*

*Demetrius Jackson*

*Eric Jackson*

**Honorary Pallbearers**

*James (Jack ) Stuard*

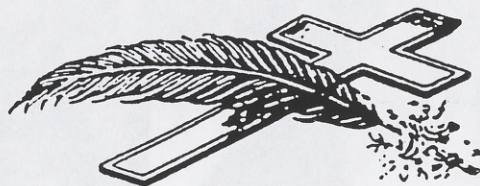
*Calvin Stuard, III*

*Leon Stuard*

*Steven Sims*

*Tutwon Gainer*

*Miar Gainer*



**Services Entrusted To:**

***Steel/Pitchford Family Mortuary***  
*4934 Long Beach Boulevard - Long Beach, California 90805*  
*(562) 423-3094*



## 1921 - 2000

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# *Precious Memories*



*Deacon Calvin Sward, Jr.  
Beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather, Brother and Friend . . .*



**To Those I Love . . .  
And To Those Who Love Me**

*I am gone now, release me, let me go,  
I have so many things to see and do.  
You must not tie yourself to me with tears,  
But be happy that we had so many years.*

*I gave you my love. You can only guess,  
How much you gave to me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love each of you have shown,  
But not it is time that I travel alone.*

*So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part,  
So keep the memories within your heart.*

*I am now gone, but life must go on.  
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,  
All of my love around you soft and clear.  
And then, when you must come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile and say . . .  
"Welcome Home"*





## Obituary



**CALVIN STUARD, JR.** was born on April 10, 1921 to the late parents of Calvin Stuard, Sr. and Janie Scroggins in Oklmaugee, Oklahoma. He was the youngest of five children. His brothers Charles and Hayward preceded him in death.

He obtained his education in Oklahoma and continued it in California. He also joined the United States Army in 1942 and was a Veteran of the foreign wars. After serving four years, he was united in marriage to Betty Jean Brooks, to this union five children were born; Leon, Shirley, Carolyn, Linda and Calvin Stuard, III.

Later, he moved to California and united in marriage to Ledora Pitchford in 1954. To this union were born four girls; Debra Ann, Antonia, Janelle and Latonya.

He received Christ at an early age. He rededicated his life under the leadership of Superintendent Clarence Brown in 1958 (Goodwill COGIC No. I). In 1961 he moved his membership to Goodwill COGIC No. II under the leadership of Pastor Dave Pitchford (who was his brother-in-law) where he served as Deacon. He also served under the leadership of Pastor Miller Pitchford and Elder James Brown (Goodwill COGIC No. II). He later united with the Praise of East Compton COGIC under the leadership of Pastor Donald Butler where he served as a faithful deacon until God called him from labor to reward.

He was employed at the Haywood Hotel in Los Angeles, then later worked at the Supergrate Open Steel Company for 26 years, from there he retired.

Deacon Calvin Stuard received many awards and certificates for his outstanding leadership and service in his community. Calvin (C.V.) spent countless hours with family and friends playing pool and dominoes, he was the REIGNING CHAMP! Calvin was a Godly man, a devoted husband, father, grandfather and brother.

On the morning of December 8, 2000 at 6:00 a.m. God saw fit to take Calvin Stuard home to be with him.

Remaining to witness his home going and cherish many precious memories are: His devoted and loving wife Ledora Stuard, two sons; Leon Stuard of Cuday, CA, Calvin Stuard III of Los Angeles, seven daughters; Shirley Ann Green, Carolyn Sue Stuard of Los Angeles, Linda Louise Christy of Bueana, CA, Debra Ann Blackmon of Compton, CA, Antonia (Nina) Stuard-Leonard and Janelle Stallworth of Cerritos, CA, Latonya Stuard of Compton, CA, one sister; Vernell Flint of Tulsa, OK, one brother; James (Jack) Stuard of Phoenix, AZ, one god-son; Reginald D. Pitchford of Rialto, CA, twenty-four grandchildren; Steven, Donna, Kim, Eric E., Derrion, Najae, Shirlyn, Daniel, Faith, Shatara, Calvin IV, Tyrone, Johannus, Isim, Sherri, Tasha, Tutwon, Miar, Eric V., Timothy, Anthony, Chontae, Reneisha, Clifford, Jr., fourteen great grandchildren; Eric, George Anthony, Tashon, Ashton, Malaysia, Kieko, Steven Jr., Demitrus, Lauren, Taylor, Tyler, Julian, Joylyn, Jaya, seven sisters-in-law; Willie Lee and Bertha Owens, Willie and Mary A. Pitchford of Compton, CA, Will Timothy and Ethel Miree of Littlerock, CA, Mary E. Pitchford of Lakewood, CA, Mary L. Pitchford of Compton, CA, Ivory B. Pitchford of Milwaukee, WI, Ike and Cornelius Walker of Westpoint, MS, and a host of nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.



### GRAND PAPA

*Grandpapa when you came and visit,  
I would give you a cold glass of water.  
Now where you are there is no thirst,  
when you drink it will be from the fountain of life  
and your water will not need any ice.  
PaPa, I love you with all my heart.*

*Always,  
Reneisha S. Leonard  
Granddaughter*



### "Acknowledgement"

*We appreciate the kindness you have shown  
during our time of bereavement.*

*All that you have done has been received  
with much gratitude and your prayers  
and support has brought much strength  
and comfort to our hearts.*

*Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
We truly thank you so very much.*

**The Stuard Family**